

BADWELL ASH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING BADWELL ASH VILLAGE HALL THURSDAY 30 MARCH 2017 7.30 PM

PRESENT:

Councillors Clive Hawkins (Chairman) (CH), Bim Patel (BP), Ed Walsh (EW), Clive Morris (CM), Christopher Evans (CE), and David Smith (DS).

IN ATTENDANCE:

Christopher Garman (Parish Clerk) (CG) and 1 member of public.

1. PUBLIC FORUM

- 1.1. There was comment on the handing of the issue of the recycling bins. BP clarified the situation.
- 1.2. A report from the County Councillor had been circulated previously.
- 1.3. District Councillor Roy Barker was unable to attend due to another commitment.

2. APOLOGIES

- 2.1. Councillor Louise Boucher (LB) due to family commitment.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

- 3.1. None.

4. APPOINTMENT OF A VICE CHAIRMAN

- 4.1. It was resolved that Councillor Christopher Evans would be vice chairman.**

5. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED BY SUBSEQUENT ITEMS

- 5.1. The minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 2 March 2017 had been circulated previously. It was resolved that these minutes were an accurate record of these meeting.**
- 5.2. Item 8.7 concerning the recycling bins was discussed. **It was resolved to take no further action.**

6. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

- 6.1. Consideration was given as to a new suitable location for the defibrillator. The White Horse Public House have said they are willing for it to be installed on the outside of the building. This option is to be explored further. Consideration was also given to the purchase of a new cabinet. **It was resolved that the Clerk pursues further the move to the White Horse Public House and investigates the costs and logistics.**

7. ENVIRONMENT

- 7.1. The current route of the permissive footpath and other routes were discussed. DS is to make further enquiries. Item to be carried forward to next agenda and then the results of DS's enquiries can then be shared with any information LB might have obtained.
- 7.2. Progress with the employment of a Community Street Cleaner was discussed. **It was resolved that Dean Clarke should be appointed as Community Street Cleaner and start as soon as practically possible.**
- 7.3. There was an update on the progress and current situation with the Community Speedwatch Group and installation of SID's. Consideration was given to appropriate locations for the SID posts. Discussion was given to other possibilities to reduce speeding.

- 7.4. The post for the new street light in Back Lane has been installed but it appears not to be working possibly due to it still needing to be connected by UKPN. Clerk has chased SCC and is waiting a response.
- 7.5. There was discussion following a request for a street light in the alley way opposite the shop. There was discussion as to ownership of the land and the possibility of connecting to a power supply. Consideration was given to both time and financial resources for such a project. **It was resolved to take no further action.**
- 7.6. Consideration was given to concerns about the lack of vision for vehicles exiting Austin Close. The Clerk had spoken with SCC about this and the suitability of the disabled parking bay in the current location. SCC have declined to install a mirror and will conduct a site visit to look at other possible solutions.

8. PLANNING

- 8.1. Planning application no. 0612/17 was considered. **It was resolved to inform MSDC that there were no objections or comments.**
- 8.2. Previous planning decisions were noted.

9. FINANCE AND POLICIES

- 9.1. Consideration was given to issuing cheques for the following payments:
 - £100.00 to Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk – donation
 - £195.00 to Badwell Ash Playing Field and Recreation Ground – hire of village hall
 - £133.73 to C Garman – expenses
 - £120.00 to Suffolk Association of Local Councils – training
 - £160.20 to HMRC – PAYE/NI
 - £641.12 to C Garman – Clerk’s salary for 6 months
 - £1175.34 to Suffolk County Council – street lighting routine maintenance and energy costs.**It was resolved that cheques should be issued for all these payments.**
- 9.2. BP explained the situation in respect of ownership of the village hall and playing field having first sought professional guidance. It was noted that the village hall and the playing field are owned by the charity known as Badwell Ash Playing Field and Recreation Ground and that the Parish Council are a custodian trustee.

Meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

Christopher Garman
Parish Clerk
9 April 2017